

TITHE — MANIFESTATION OF THE FEAR OF GOD

Mal 3:1-7

Mal 3:8-12 Robbed God. How? In tithes and offerings

Curse: judgment resulting in damage or injury...Famine & scarcity. Hag 1:10,11

Mt. Henry: *Those that deny God His part of their estates may justly expect a curse upon their own part of them.*

Solution: Mal 3:10 *Bring ye all the tithes*

Tithes: support priests & Levites

Origin: first to tithe--Abraham.

Jacob vowed unto Lord. Gen 28:22

Gen. 14:17-20 Abraham gave Melchizedek tithes of all
430 yrs before law (Tithing little to do with law)

Mt. 23:23 Jesus encouraged practice of tithing all income.

Tithe? Part of dollar that you give to the Lord before paying any other bills.

All tithes paid in OT: 10%----33%.

Every Jew required

1st Tithe: Of seed of land, herds & flocks. Supported Temple

2nd Tithe: Of remaining 90% Supported Levites & Priests.

3rd Tithe: "Poor" tithe. Supported poor. 1 Cor. 9:13-14

Offerings. Beyond/above tithes. NT tithes & offerings combined...as Lord prospers. 2 Cor 9:6-8

People

1. Not paying at all 2. Not paying fully 3. Not paying of best

Mt. Henry: *Bring in the full tithes to the utmost that God requires that there may be meat in my house for those that serve at the altar, whether there be meat in your houses or not!*

Storehouse: Nickname for temple or synagogue.

NT- local church.

Prove me now herewith: give me a chance to show myself powerful to you.

Man says, let God provide needs first

God says, bring all tithes & see whether or not I will not then restore to you plentifully.

Widow of Zarephath. 1 Ki 17:13-16 ... make me thereof a little cake first

Hag 2:8 *The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.*

Devourer: That which will burn up, eat up, or consume materials.

Bigger picture? Are you committed to fearing God?

Do you realize:

Tithing illustration of fear of God?

Withholding tithe means robbing God?

Purpose of the tithe?

Practically: to support the ministry of the local church.

Theologically: To teach God's people to fear Him (Dt. 14)

Why not tithe?

1. Ignorance: never been taught. Maybe purposeful ignorance

2. Misunderstanding of the command

3. Willful disobedience—lack of fear of God